TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

BUSINESS Yesterday's bank clearings were \$7,876,021; balances, \$44,769. Local discount rates were firm between 5 and 5 per cent. Do-mestic exchange was quoted as follows: New York, 40c premium bid, 45c premium asked; Chicago, Cincinnati, Louisville and New Orleans, par bid, 10c discount asked. Wheat closed lower at 70% 670% bid; 7567 75c No. 2 red. Corn closed higher at 42% 6 43c bid July; 46%47% No. 2 mixed. Oats closed at 331/2c asked July; 36c No. 2 mixed. The local market for spot cotton was un

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN. Fire at Eleventh and Olive streets, where Edward Green, a fireman, was killed two years ago, caused a loss of \$100,000. Barbagila is sentenced to a term of three

years in the Penitentiary. Fred S. Bolte, a chicken fancier, sues his neighbor, Baward Natnan, who is alleged to have killed two of the former's chickens which damaged his garden. All is in readiness for the Decoration Day

Jall guard finds saws in papers addressed

orge Collins, one of the Union Bank April Grand Jury submits final report and

returns indictments against State Senator Frank Farris and Daniel J. Kelley. Judge and Mrs. Andrew Jackson Shares celebrate the golden anniversary of their marriage.

Republican Committeemen protest against the names of Dempsy and Oppenheim appearing on Republican ballot.

Frank S. Nugent of Winnepeg, Manitoba. Canadian barrister, who is visiting his brother, Dan C. Nngent, attended the Han-nigan bribery trial and commends Circuit Five historic spots were selected by a committee from the Civic Improvement League upon which to erect tablets commemorative of the important events in the

H. H. Hodgon was elected president of the Christian Endeavor Union.

World's Fair Company secures the Catlin

GENERAL DOMESTIC. The importation of manufacturers' ma-terials for the fiscal year 1903 exceeds all

An attempt to lay rails for a traction line

in Crawfordsville, Ind., leads to a riot and the arrest of sixty men. Scarce from the prophecy of Eilen Jeffer-son that Pine Bluff would be destroyed by

a tornado vesterday is over. Two prominent planters have been arrested in connection with the investigation into the holding of negroes in involuntary servitude in Alabama.

The New York Central Railroad plans to

build a station in New York with a tower 200 feet higher than the Washington monument. In the tower is to be a close with a dial twenty-seven feet across the face.

Jarislav Kocian, the violinist, who was nt. In the tower is to be a clock with a charged with sailing from America with a valuable Stradivarius, which had been loaned to him by a New York man, returned to America to return the violin in

The police of New York announce that they have discovered a band of Italians in "Little Italy." which makes it a business to abduct children to hold them for ransom. The United Presbyterian General As-

sembly at Tarkio is to consider a union with the associated and reformed branches. Special Grand Jury in the Breathitt County, Kentucky, feud inquiry will make its report to-day.

Roosevelt eats breakfast with Joseph F. Smith and speaks in great Mormon Tabernacle at Salt Lake.

Miss Roosevelt skillfully drives her new automobile, of the "red-devil" style, through dashing fre apparatus. Bryan, in the Commoner, renounces all claim or desire of leadership of the Demo

cratic party. Postmaster General Payne orders many salaries cut; four St. Louis positions are affected. Merritt replies in counter charges against Tulloch.

SPORTING.

Browns defeated Detroit by score of 7 to 3. Athletes from schools and colleges will decide supremacy to-day.

Winners at the Fair G were Tom Kiley, Fanny Knox, Bourke Cochran, Light Opera, Maverick and Echo-

Marine Intelligence

New York, May 29.—Arrived: Barcelona, from Hamburg, La Savole, from Havre, was reported off Nantucket lightship at 7 Delaware Breakwater, May 29.-Passed in, 4:10 p. m.: Belgenland, Liverpool, for Phil-

New York, May 29 .- Sailed: Celtic, Liver-

Liverpool, May 29.-Sailed: Victorian, New Moville, May 29 .- Sailed: Bavarian (Br.),

Cherbourg, May 29.—Sailed: Fuerst Bis-marck, from Hamburg and Southampton, New York. Naples, May 25.—Arrived: Nord America, New York. Moville, May 29.-Sailed: Ethiopia, from

Glasgow, New York. London, May 29.—Arrived: Arcadian, Montreal. Lizard, May 29.-Passed: Potsdam, New

Laverpool, May 29.—Arrived: Germanic, New York. Lizard, May 29 .- Passed: Philadelphian, Queenstown, May 2 .- Sailed: New Eng

land, from Liverpool, Boston; Carpathia, from Liverpool, New York. Southampton, May 29.—Sailed: Fuerst dismarck, from Hamburg, New York, via Browhead, May 29.-Passed: Cevic, New

Faval, May 29.-Passed: Palatia, Genoa and Naples, for New York. Gibraltar, May 29.-Passed: Sardegna, New York, for Naples and Genoa.

ITS FIRST CONCERT ANNOUNCED.

Robyn Male Chorus of Y. M. C. A. to Appear in Public June 9. Appear in Public June 9.

The Robyn male chorus of the Central Y. M. C. A. will have its first public concert in the auditorium at Grand and Franklin avenues, Tuesday evening. June 9. The chorus is made up of 110 male voices, On the evening of the concert the efforts of its members will be supplemented by Miss Elsa Lang, planiste, and R. P. Strine, a barytone of Philadelphia, Pa., who will sine several solos.

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The chorus is a part of the educational work of the association. It was organized last fall, with a membership of seventy-five, and placed under the direction of Alfred Robyn, the organist and choirmaster. Rehearsals have been held each Tuesday evening since, and the membership has grown to 110.

Judge R. B. Haughton is president and Guy A. Kellogg secretary. The Executive Committee of the organization is composed of the president, secretary and four members.

Song Service at Delmar Church. A music programme will take the place of the regular Sunday evening service at the Delmar Avenue Baptist Church tomorrow night. The choir is composed of Miss Edna B. Fassett, soprano; Mrs. J. Martin, contraito; Paul C. Baltz, tenor; J. B. Reton, basso; Louis H. Ball, violinist, and J. J. Winter, organist.

Summer Tent Meetings Begin. Summer Tent Meetings Begin.
Evangelistic meetings under the direction
of the Reverend Doctor A. M. Campbell of
the Wagoner Place United Presbyterian
Church will begin to-morrow afternoon in
a tent at Easton and Union avenues. At 3
o'clock in the afternoon there will be a
children's service, and the revival will begin in the evening at 8 o'clock. The meeting will mark the start of the summer tent
eampaign under the auspices of the Presbyterian Ministers' Association.

Poor Human Nature.

Waggles: "He couldn't remember why his wife tied a string around his finger, so he was afraid to go home, and stayed out all Jaggles: 'What was it he should have re-

Waggles: "To come home early."-Smart

TRACK INTERCHANGE BY SOUTHERN LINES

Practically Joint Ownership of New Orleans Traffic Agreed Upon by Frisco and Goulds.

AGREEMENT FOR 100 YEARS.

Illinois Central in Compact and Rock Island Enters Crescent City Without Building Mile of Road.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, May 29.-In the hands of the chief executives of the principal railroads entering New Orleans, with the exception of the Southern Pacific, are the terms of an agreement which, if adopted, will create a iew "harmony of interest" in the Missla

sippi Valley.

The arrangement centers about the new clans of the Frisco for getting to New Or eans, and involves the Gould system, the Rock Island through the St. Louis and San Francisco, the Hilmors Central and the Southern railroads.

When B. F. Yoakum, president of the Frisco, announced his intention of getting to New Orleans by building a new line down the east bank of the Mississippi River, George J. Gould had under con-struction and nearly completed those sections of the Texas and Pacific Rallroad which, with new sections of the Iron Moun-tain, were to complete a direct line for the Gould system from St. Louis to New Or

Gould system from St. Louis to New Orleans.

This same territory was already drained by the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad, controlled by the Illinois Central. It was a Gulf port for his inland system, however, that Mr. Yoakum was looking for, so he set about obtaining the necessary franchises and rights of way. With the ratification by the courts of the New Orleans City Councils ordinance, recently, the last drawback to the Frisco's independent line was removed.

Arrangements had even been made for floating a bond issue to pay for the construction of the new line.

Before these plans had matured, however, the executives of the other railroads that tap the territory through which the projected line of the Frisco would run realized that if Mr. Yoakum's intentions were actually carried out there would be a plathora of railroads through that district.

It was a realization of this situation that brought the rival parties to favor a plan which would give the Frisco its much coveted New Orleans entrance with the construction of scarcely a mile of railroad, while at the same time it would preserve the bulk of local traffic for the railroads already constructed.

Negotiations were opened between Mr. Gould and officials of othe Frisco looking toward a trackage agreement, which would permit the Frisco to use the Gould system from Memphis to Baton Rouge, about 300 miles. Simultaneously another trackage agreement was negotiated with the Illinois Central for the use of the tracks of the Louisville, New Orleans and Texas Railroad from aBton Rouge to New Orleans, about nanety miles.

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Plans had aiready been agreed upon with the Southern Railroad for joint use and ownership of extensive New Orleans terminals, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000. This arrangement was condingent upon the ordinance of the City Council being upheld by the courts. Only to-day it was announced that the Frisco and the Southern had purchased 3,200 acres of land near New Orleans for terminal yards.

The trackage agreement with the Gould system is so broad that it amounts to virtually a joint ownership of the line without control of the road's policy. It admits the Frisco into equal privileges with the Iron Mountain and the Texas and Pacific. The life of the agreement is 100 years.

These arrangements, with the exception of the joint ownership of the terminals, have not yet been fully accepted by the respective railroads. There is scarcely an lota of doubt, however, that they will be ratified.

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One of the officials most interested in the deal said to-day that only some unforeseen circumstance would interfere with the su cess of the plan. The franchises granted to the Frisco will be retained, and if anything should arise at any time to nullify the trackage agreements the Frisco's original plans will be followed, and another independent line will be built down the east bank of the Mississippi.

BIRD ON GOULD SYSTEM. Says It Will Be Able to Get All That In Due. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, May 29.—"When the various Gould lines are properly connected up the system will be such a powerful one that no competing interest will be able to keep it from getting what is justly due it," said Vice President A. C. Bird of the Gould

Vice President A. C. Bird of the Gould lines to-day.

As he spoke, Mr. Bird drew down an immense map of the country, which he has recently had made, and surveying the Gould lines, continued:

"When the seaboard line is completed and the Pittsburg extension is ready, the Gould lines will be strongly intrenched in the fareast, north, the southwest and the west. The tonnage, which is now very large, will by still larger when the connections I have spoken of are made."

Begole Case Transferred. Springfield, Ill., May 29.—A case has been transferred from the Bond County Circuit Court to the United States Circuit Court by the defendant, in which Henry C. Be-gole, receiver of the St. Louis, Vandalia gole, receiver of the St. Louis, Vandalia and Terre Haute Raliroad Company, is the complainant, and the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Raliroad Company and others are the defendants, in which Begole asks that the defendants be ordered to make an accounting of the amounts expended for betterments and repairs of the St. Louis, Vandalia and Terre Haute Raliroad, and the difference between 70 per cent of gross earnings of the road and the cost of maintaining and operating the same, not including amounts expended for real estate, betterments and repairs.

ROADS WIN THE DECISION. National Commission Favors the Lake

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Washington, May 29.—The Interstate Commerce Commission to-day, in an opinion by
Commissioner Fifer, announced its decision in the case of Ulrick and Williams against the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company, and the Cleveland, Cin-Rallway Company, and the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Rallway.
The complainants asked reparation on account of rates on ice from Hillsdale and other points in Michigan, which, prior to September 2, 1901, were higher over the lines of the defendants' roads for the shorter distance to Springfield, O., than for the shorter distance to Columbus, the rates to both points having been made the same on that date, but it appeared that other and shorter delivering lines compete for the traffic to Columbus, and that the short line distance to Springfield.

Upon all the facts and circumstarces the commission holds that the complaint should be dismissed.

FRISCO CHANGES HANDS. Actual Control Passes to the Rock

Island. REPUBLIC SPECIAL REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, May 29.—Actual control of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad to the Rock Island passed to-day, when a majority of the stock of the Frisco was deposited with J. Pierpont Morgan & Co.

Receipts for the deposits will be mailed to stockholders on Monday next, and the new stock and bonds of the Rock Island in payment for the old Frisco stock will be issued on July 1.

Lumber Interests in Mexico. REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Chicago, May 29.—Paul Morton, vice president of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe system, together with W. S. Eddy of Saginaw, Mich., and Colonel S. Weir of New naw, Mich., and Colonel S. Weir of New York have entered into a contract to pur-chase a vast lumber tract in Chihuahua, Mexico. The tract comprises about 2,500,-100 acres and is heavily wooded with pine and cedar. Railroad communication will be built sixty miles norwest of Terreagas, and as fast as the new territory is cleared of timber it will be developed as farming and grazing land, according to the plans.

SENIOR CLASS IN LITERATURE AT HARDIN COLLEGE.



Reading from left to right, they are: Top row-Anna M. Wiley, Indianap olis, Ind.; Lulu Miller, Clarksville, Mo.; Pansy Condit, Canton, Mo.; Anna Day Smith, Butler, Mo.; Delia Sallee, Mexico, Mo.; Camilla Garrett, Mexico, Mo. Middle row-Bessie Brown, South McAlester, I. T.; Jessie Karnes, Mexico, Mo.; Hezel Bunting, Rockport, Mo.; Susanne Maxey, Museogee, I. T.; Flossie Bishop, Mexico, Mo. Lower row-Abbie Llewell yn, Mexico, Mo. Georgia Daniel, Vandalia, Mo.; Robb Baker, Mexico, Mo.

PLAN TO DOUBLE THE POPULATION IN PARTS OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.

Railroads South of St. Louis Are Making a Great Effort to Transform a Fertile Wilderness Into a Rich and Prosperous Section -Opportunities for Substantial Investment and Homeseekers of Moderate Means-Inducements Offered to Northern Settlers to Grow Up With the Coun try.

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT Pine Bluff, Ark., May 29 .- 'Double the population in five years." "Bring in new alood from the north." "Clear the timber

off the land." Such are some of the ambitions which are nimating a movement of the railroads south of St. Louis. Immigration is the watchword in railroad offices, country towns and plantations which have the interests of the great Southwest at heart. The usually well-satisfied Southerner is thinking of improvement. Northerners are working to oring this practical result about,

The activity of the railroads is perhaps the most encouraging feature of this new novement. The excursion which ended here to-day is a substantial proof of the importance which is attached to the improve-

BUBSTANTIAL ENTERPRISE.

A review of the practical workings of the exploitation party which arrived here to day will explain the operation by which new lands are being put in the market. It is a method of advertisement, which is better than that employed in booming Kansas in the eighties, diversified as that great boom was. It lacks the fraud which has characterized much of the speculation in oil fields, and does not feed upon the excitement that has attended the discovery of mines in the North and far West.

Last April there met in Jonesboro, Ark., upon the invitation of the Cotton Belt Railroad, real estate men from along the route of this system in Southeastern Missouri, Arkansas and Shreveport, I.a. After a day of conference, there were really a conference at the country of the land of the system in Southeastern Missouri, Arkansas and Shreveport, I.a. After a day of conference, there were really a conference at the country of the land of the system in Southeastern Missouri. Arkansas and Shreveport, I.a. After a day of conference, there were really a conference at the country of the land of the system in Southeastern Missouri. Arkansas and Shreveport, I.a. After a day of conference, there were really a conference were really and Sweden for colonization for men who own the studies as follows: "The men who own the studies as follows: The men who own the studies as follows: The men who own the studies as follows:

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kansas and Shreveport, La. After a day of conference-there were no frills-the Cotton Belt Route Land and Improvement Association was organized.

The officers of the association are: President, L. E. Saupe, traveling passenger agent; secretary and treasurer, W. C. Dun lap, advertising agent of the Cotton Belt. The Executive Committe at present consists of C. B. Gregg of Jonesboro and W. M. Price of Stuttgart, both extensive land owners, together with Messrs. Saupe and Dun OBJECTS OF PROMOTERS.

The good business sense of the men who comprise the association may be judged from the objects and purposes of the assoclation as set forth in the prelude to their by-laws. They are as follows:

by-laws. They are as follows:

1. To originate and induce immigration to territory tributary to the Cotton Belt Route.

2. To control and properly distribute such business amongst the members of the association.

3. To protect the rights of its members, and
prevent business originated by any member from
being interfered with by, or diverted into the
hands of, any other member.

4. To secure to members originating business,
and turning same over to other members, a division of commissions, as may have been agreed
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equitable treatment in division of such commissions.

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5. To secure proper treatment of clients.

6. To promote harmony and good will among the members of the Association; to discourage attempts to build up one locality by decrying others, and to make of this association an instrument of the advancement and exploitation of the embraced within the above scope.

7. To obtain of the benefit of its members as would be properly consistent, transportation and other privileges.

Last Monday evening the first result of the new organization could be seen at the Union Station in St. Louis, Fifty real estate men from Iowa, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri were on a special Cotton Belt train bound for the rich swamp country which begins about 125 miles south of St. Louis, Not a man was aboard but who was therefor business. They were seeking investments for themselves and their rich clients, and homes for farmers who are moving away from the high-priced lands of the overcultivated country north and east of St. Louis.

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E. W. LaBeaume, general passenger agent of the Cotton Belt, were the following real estate men:

Daniel Bros., Centralia, Mo.

Geo. O. Morris, Greenville, Ill.

Cole & Cole, Believte, Ill.

Frank Warner, Prophetstown, Ill.

Frank Hosick, Grayville, Ill.

J. W. Teeter, Oakland, Ill.

John E. Anderson, Mount Vernon, Ind.

L. E. Ketchum, Stuttgart, Ark.

Thad. W. Ward, Quincy, Ill.

Geo. H. Lucas, Pekin, Ill.

J. P. Cruikshank, Fort Madison, Ia.

C. A. Tatman, Monticello, Ill.

E. B. Oyd, Indianola, Ind.

D. D. Feather, Kirksville, Mo.

F. C. Holland, Dexter, Mo.

A. L. Carter, Jerseyville, Ill.

H. C. Bailey, Piggott, Ark.

J. U. Gaty, Roe, Ark.

Wells Tallman, Shelbyville, Ill.

J. M. Virgin, J. M. Probst and Lewis Probst, Welner, Ark.

L. K. Boysan, Chicago, Ill.

W. S. Holmes, Effingham, Ill.

J. W. Black, Copeland, Ind.

W. L. Tucker, Bloomfield, Mo.

Frederick Tonney, Flora, Ill.

S. Bosler, Clayton, Mo.

J. W. Sylvester, Bosworth, Mo.

M. Montgomery and H. B, Miner, Shelvyville, Ill.

W. S. Sonntag, Alton, Ill.

A. C. Robb and Geo. D. Locke, Jersey-

Sonntag, Alton, III. Robb and Geo. D. Locke, Jersey

A. C. Robb and Geo. D. L.
ille, Ill.
Martin & Moore, Benton, Ill.
M. J. Davis, Bowling Green
C. J. Raub, Chaimers, Ind.

C. E. Jeffers, Tolono, III.
Heckler & Meister, Mount Pulaski, III.
Doctor A. E. Still, Kirksville, Mo.
S. P. Silver, Lexington, Mo.
S. P. Jeffers, Dexter, Mo.
H. R. Holley, Piggott, Ark.
I. W. Harlan, Piggott, Ark.
A. L. Harty, Bloomfield, Mo. PROFITS IN THE LAND. It is easy to understand why they were bound for the new country. Mr. Bosler of

Clayton has been selling land for German Clayton has been selling land for German clients in St. Louis County for prices ranging from \$50 to \$125 an acre, and buying gleared farms three and four times as large with the same money in the great swamp country of Southeast Missouri. He is credited with clearing \$14,000 from 10,000 acres of Stoddard County land, which he bought last year. It has been turned over again with prices about \$36,000 higher than those which Mr. Bosier received. This fall Mr. Bosier will bring over about 100 families from Germany and Sweden for colonization purposes.

front of \$22,000. He is still holding the land for further increases.

J. P. Cruikshank of Fort Madison has brought several families to Southeastern Missouri, and is now looking further South Into Arkansas for even cheaper properties. Frank Hosick of Grayville found an exprank Hosick of Grayville found an exprank Hosick of Grayville found Ark. Who told him that there were 500 families from Illinois in Greene County, of which Paragould is the county seat.

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It is an invasion of Northerners which is welcomed. The newcomers are teaching that diversification of crops pays better than cotton. They are showing the value of side products. On short notice, a dozen boxes of the strawberries were shown to the real estate men in Campbell, Dunkiln County, Mo., which averaged twenty-five berries to the box. Another native told of his success in raising watermelons and cantaloupes for the early Northern market. Mr. Cruikshank found in Clarendon a shell button factory with twenty-five machines. The White River shells brought sil a ton on the bank, while the same shells bring \$21 in the big liktton factories of Iowa. In the White River the shells are so thick that many of the mussel dredgers earn silo and \$12 a day. In Piggott, Ark., there is an ochre mine on the side of Crowley's Ridge that miked with oll would paint every barn in Missouri. The stove factories are utilizing the red oak and gum trees for molasses, whisky, vinegar and oil barrels. The virgin white oak is used for sidewalks in Brinkley, Ark., and for the finest furniture in St. Louis.

American beauty roses grow in the yards of Arkansas. Peaches, apricots, and ell of the small berries make those of the Northern States shrink in comparison. Colonel L. C. Thompson of Paragould thought he could raise apples on his farm. In competition at the National Apple Growers' Association in St. Louis last November he took first prize over the famous Ozark product. In Wiener, Ark., a field of oats standing shoulder high will yield fifty to sixty bushels an acre. They were sowed last fall. a novelty to the Northerners. W. B. Foisom, editor of the Brinkley Argus, had been preaching diversification of crops and a great future for his county. When the lazy natives laughed, he purchased seventy acres and paid for it out of the proceeds the first ever even while operating the best paper in the county. In Stoddard and Dunkiin counties the visitors learned that not a promote the swing distinct here is some of the thin It is an invasion of Northerners which is welcomed. The newcomers are teaching that diversification of crops pays better than

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Beyond Anxiety.

FLOODS IN TWO STATES; TWO THOUSAND HOMELESS: THIRTEEN ARE DROWNED.

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of rain fell in portions of Kansas last night. adding to the already bankful streams, and rendering the flood in that State most serious.
In Kansas City, the Missourt River is

bankful and still rising, and already has caused great damage to business houses and other property in the bottoms, and along the Kaw River, west from its mouth, at Kansas City, Kas., the lowlands for miles are under water. Hundreds of families have been rendered

homeless and hundreds of acres of grain are under water. Last night a steady rise in these streams was predicted by the Weather Bureau, but with the additional rainfall noted the Kaw and the Missouri rivers at Kansas City and north and west of here doubtless will within the next twenty-four hours have reached a stage never before recorded.
Word from Americus, Kas., northwest of

Emporia, says, that that town is three feet under water and that the Neosho River is four feet higher than ever known before. Runners have been sent out from Emporia to notify the farmers along the bottoms east of that city that a high-water wave is coming down the Neosho. At Eureka, Kas., the Fire Department

was called to the assistance of persons liv-ing in the eastern part of town. Homes were abandoned and household effects were moved to higher ground. Heavy damage to property has already been done. No wire communication has been had from Kansas City with Salina, Kas., since last night, that city being reached only from the West. At noon, Selina was entirely cut off and the Western Union reported that the building next to their telegraph office there had caved in.

EIGHT LOSE LIVES IN THE OKLAHOMA STORMS AND FLOODS.

Guthrle, Ok., May 29.-Reports of destruc tive storms throughout the Territory con-tinue to arrive. At Harrison the flood killed five people-Mrs. Bryles and child, a child of John Alexander and two persons, whose bodles have not yet been recovered. The drowning of several indians is reported from Anadarka.

In Gay County a tornado killed Mrs. Isaac Jones, wrecked four Post Offices, and near Little Robe completely demolished a farm residence. At Wellston the storm is reported to have fatally injured one woman and destroyed several buildings. Near Hobart, all but three of a herd of fifty cattle, belonging to Charles Smith, a dairyman, were drowned in the flood.
RAILROAD TRAFFIC

IS PARALYZED. Oklahoma City, Ok., May 29.—Three and one-quarter inches of rain last night folone-quarter inches of fain and light forceases lowing four inches Saturday night increases the gravity of the flood situation in Okla-homa. The North Canadian River is high-

er than ever known and additional floods are coming.

There is no danger to the cities and towns on the river, but railways are heavy losers. Traffic east and west is paralyzed. The Choctaw is shut out of this city from the east by the destruction of tracks along the river. The Rock Island west is entirely laid out, no trains having moved since Sunday, and the waters are increasing. The Oklahoma City and Western's tracks at Chickasha are submerged. These er than ever known and additional t Chickasha are submerged. There have been no trains into the city on the last-named

road since Sunday.

The Missouri Kansas and Texas tracks are badly damaged, and two bridges near Oklahoma City will be almost a total loss. The basements of twenty or more whole sale houses here are again flooded from waters which the sewers could not carry off. Little damage was done, however, as goods had been removed. Santa Fe officials that the channel of the South Canadian River is changing, and may leave its big steel bridge at Noble a half mile from the

MISSISSIPPI RIVER IS RISING RAPIDLY IN MINNESOTA. Winona, Minn., May 29.-The Mississippi

River here is the highest to-day it has been

in four years. The water is now nearly up to the houses in the Polish settlement in the First Ward. BRIDGES WASHED AWAY. LaCrosse, Wis., May 29.-The river continues to rise rapidly and Pettibone Park is nearly entirely under water to-day. Several bridges have been washed out by a big rise in Root River.

FIVE HUNDRED HOMES INUNDATED ABOUT DES MOINES.

Des Moines, Ia., May 29.-It is thought the flood in Iowa has reached its crisis. In the Des Moines Valley from Spirit Lake to the Missouri River the entire bottoms were covered with water, and the damage to the corn crop is inestimable.

In Fort Dodge, Bokne, Madrid, Des Moines, Ottumwa and other points, fully 590 homes have been inundated by the waters. In Des Moines alone the damage will reach half a million dollars. In South will reach half a million dollars. In South Des Moines the bottoms present a solid sheet of water with houses dotted here and there, some turned over and others with their chimneys peeping above the water line. The river reached its highest point at 3 o'clock this morning, when it recorded 21.3 feet above low-water mark. This is the highest mark upon the records of the Government by four inches.

Specials from Vanmeter and other points This Store Will Close as Usual

Decoration Day

One P. M.

Scruggs Vanderroort & Barney

effect that the river has continued steadily to rise and is yet going up. While the Des Moines is receding slowly above the confluence with the Raccoon, it is rising below. South and Southeast Des Moines, which suffered most last year, are threatened with further devastation as a result of breaks it the levees in this section, hundreds of homes are surrounded with water and a break in North Des Moines early to-day in-undated Central Place, containing upward

of 200 fine residences.
Contrary to earlier reports, a telegram at
11 o'clock to-day from Boone, forty miles
above here, stated that the Des Moines is still rising there, which indicates that the decline here is but temporary.

Book News and Gossip

In the May Outing there is an especially interesting article by R. G. Betts, entitled "The Rediscovery of America by the Auto-mobile," which describes in a fascinating mobile," which describes in a laschattle, manner the touring possibilities of the motor car, as automobilists now prefer to call their vehicle. Mr. Betts's story is fragrant of the open air and rich in descriptions of the beautiful American tours open to all who love picturesque travel and can afford an automobile. The article is coplarate with the contract of the contract of the coplarate of the contract of the coplarate of th

afford an automobile. The article is coprously fillustrated and among the pictures of automobiles owned by wealthy Americans is that of one belonging to Mr. G. Herbert Walker of St. Louis, showing the young local enthusiast with a party of friends bowling along a pleasant country road. "Mr. Keegan's Elopement," by Winston Churchill, will be the third of the clever stories appearing in The Macmillan series of "Lattle Novels by Favorite Authors." The curious thing is that it wasn't Mr. Keegan's elopement at all, but Mr. Pennington's, the latter being one of the favorite officers on the warship of which Mr. Keegan was chief boatswain's mate. Mr. Keegan manded it that was all. He knew that Mr. enter poatswain's mate. Mr. Keegan man-aged it, that was all. He knew that Mr. Pennington was desperately in love with a certain young lady who lived on the heights birind the town of Funchal, in the Island of Madeira. He hated to see a romance in-

terrupted. He wished that it might pull through. Wishes are fathers of thoughts. He misunderstood something which Morgan said. It seemed to concern Miss Ingleficid; who was, indeed, astonished at the extraordinary message delivered to her a coupl of hours later by the somewhat perturbed Jimmy Legs. The advance orders for the book, which will be published in two or three weeks, are said to be very large. "Peggy O'Neal," Mr. Alfred Henry Lew is's latest book, which will be issued by Drexel Biddle, is the most pretentious of his stories. It develops a new field of Ameri-

can literature, or perhaps it would be bet-ter to say, deals with times and instances hitherto left to cold and pulseless historians. The book gives one a new light on the cele-brated "Old Hickory," telling his charac-ter intimately and perfectly, and affording a new view of certain events which had much to do with the history of this nation. The June number of Everybody's Magazine is the first issue under the imprint of the Ridgway-Thayer Company, New York, of which Erman J. Ridgway is president and John Adams Thayer secretary and treasurer. Mr. Ridgway resigned the vice presidency of the Frank A. Munsey Com-

pany after a service of ten years, and Mr. Thayer was associated with the Ladies' Journal for seven years, and for the past four years has been with the Delineator. They propose to make of Everybody's Magazine "a publication that the people will want." J. A. Altsheler, whose new novel of the fall of Richmond, "Before the Dawn," has just been published by Doubleday, Page & Co., says, in reading the files of papers dur-ing the war, he discovered the fact, curious to him, that the Southern new papers of the time were filled with love Tries and sentimental verse. Times were so dense and disaster so inevitable in those last days, Mr.

erate Government, and, of course, he found material for a good love story. In "The Nomads," by Charles Summer a local writer (The Cosmos Publishing Company, St. Louis) is found a somewhat crude story in which the experiences of two "chums" who drift about this co in rather an irresponsible way play a large part. The author calls his work a socio-economic novel. There is a love ele-ment in the story, which supplies the neces-

Altsheler concludes, that people sought some

General John B. Gordon of the Confederate Army, whose reminiscences are now ap-pearing in Scribner's, describes in the June number the battle of Antietam, in which he was wounded six times. He was invalided for seven months, but returned in time to take part in the battle of Chancellorsville, which he also describes in this paper. Gen eral Gordon gives a remarkable estimate of the character of Stonewall Jackson, who was killed at Chancellorsville. In the July number, the anniversary of the battle, General Gordon will describe the great conflict at Gettysburg.

Adelaide Keen, the author of the unique cook book entitled "With a Saucepan Over the Sea," which Little, Brown & Co., Bos-ton, recently published, is a native of Philadelphia, coming from an old and epicureau family. She has written extensively namily. She has written extensively for the New York daily papers, Harper's Bazant, Vogue and some of the monthly magazines. She is an authority on domestic topics, and a frequenter of foreign restaurants. Miss Keen gathered her recipes from any sources, but chiefly, it appears, from foreign cooks

Following the announcement of the sale of the R. H. Russell business to Harper & Bros. it is now stated that the new Gibson book will be published by Messrs. Charles Scribner's Sons, the one for this year appearing in the autumn as usual. These books, which are made up of the most popular of Mr. Charles Dana Gibson's drawings, have become a yearly feature of importance in the publishing world and are ooked forward to by the public with creasing appreciation,

Colonel Prentiss Ingraham, the author of

"The Girl Rough Riders," published by Dana Estes & Co., has had a strange and eventful life. As a boy he was a sailor in the Gulf of Mexico and South American waters, but when the Civil War began he went into the Confederate Army and re-mained to the close, going afterwards into the Mexican Army against the French. the Mexican Army against the French.
From there he went to Austria, and fought
in the great battle of Sadowa on General
Hoffmann's staff; then as a Pasha he
fought in the Island of Crete against the Turks; escaping, he reached Jerusalem and went overland alone down the Euphrates River, and across into India and up into China and the South Pacific islands; thence back to his native land, where he took part in the ten years' Cuban war as a fillbuster, one time being captured and sentenced to death by the Spaniards; next to Egypt, where in the Khedive's army he fought in Abyssinia. Heyend Anxiety.

First College Boy: "Hooray! My people have all turned Christian Scientists."

Second College Boy: "Why such joy?"

First College Boy: "Well hitherto the only thing that has kept me from having a beautiful time has been the thought that it would worry them."—Harper's Bazar.

Water line. The river reached its nignest points of clock this morning, when it recorded 21.3 feet above low-water mark. This is the highest mark upon the records of the Government by four inches.

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Turkish bayonet wound in his leg. and bullet hole in his foot, received in Mexico.

MENTIONED FOR PRESIDENT.



JUDGE WALTER CLARK, Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, who is urged as a possible can-didate for the presidency.

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Government Requirement. Government Requirement.
Washington, May 29.—The Secretary of
the Interior has received a telegram from
F. C. Hubbard, World's Fair Commissioner for the Indian Territory, announcing that
\$25,000 has been subscribed by the clitzens
of the territory to secure the \$25,000 appropriated by Congress for the Territory's
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